



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1862 - SB 1815

February 2, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (013106): Requires a student entering as a college freshman, to submit their score on the postsecondary readiness assessment or their score on a nationally recognized college admissions test to a four-year public institution of higher education before the student can be admitted or enrolled to the institution. Prohibits a four-year public institution of higher education from admitting or enrolling such student until the student's score is submitted, beginning in academic year 2023-2024 and in each subsequent year. Defines freshman as a student who applies for admission to, or enrollment in, a four-year public institution of higher education no more than 12 months after the date on which the student graduated from high school or completed high school as a home school student.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-6001(b), every public-school student in 11th grade must take an assessment to assess readiness for postsecondary education.
- According to the Department of Education website, all public-school students participate in a postsecondary readiness assessment such as the ACT or SAT. These exams are covered under the BEP formula at no cost to students.
- Based on information from the ACT and SAT websites, all scores are automatically submitted to up to four institutions at the student's request as part of the test registration process, and scores may be sent to additional institutions for a fee.
- All four-year public institutions already have operations in place for receiving and tracking the student readiness assessment postsecondary scores.
- Requiring these students to submit such testing scores will not have a significant fiscal impact on state or local government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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